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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/705,393	CLARK ET AL.	
	Examiner Richard R. Shaffer	Art Unit 3733	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Richard R. Shaffer.

(3) Brett Davis.

(2) Eduardo Robert.

(4) Karl Cannon.

Date of Interview: 15 January 2008.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 42.

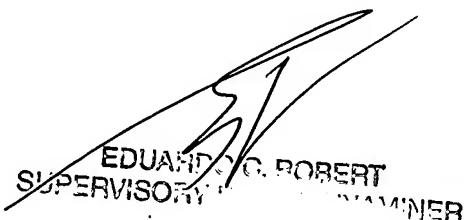
Identification of prior art discussed: West, Jr et al (US Patent 5,964,764); Jarvinen (US Patent 6,562,071).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner's signature, if required

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representatives, Brett Davis and Karl Cannon, contacted the Office to discuss the previous rejection of the claims and to inquire about possible limitations that could be added in the claims to overcome the prior art of record. It was explained that applicant's device differs visually from West, Jr et al as well as a newly discovered reference to Jarvinen (US Patent 6,562,071) in regard to the attachment member (the grasping hook with a shaft which engages the securing cap). Specifically, how the hook grips an enlarged end of a ligament, how the shaft does not make contact with the bore wall, and the mechanism how the shaft is secured by the cap. It was stated that additional search and consideration would be performed once applicant files an amendment to the claims. It was also stressed that applicant avoid adding new matter when attempting to describe the differences between applicant's invention and the prior art, especially with regard the interaction of the shaft of the grasping element relative to the bore through the bone.